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Subject: FW: Reminder: Indoor Air Quality Petition from NTEU, ESC and AFGE. Please sign the petition. A pdf (electric file) to me is also okay.
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From: Chan, Patrick
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This reminder goes to union members and bargaining unit employees in NTEU Chapter 295. Petition attached. (For folks who have signed the petition, we thank you.)

The three unions at 75 Hawthorne, ESC, AFGE and NTEU wrote a petition; it is attached with this email. The petition is on the subject of indoor air quality: tests conducted in this building have shown that indoor air has elevated levels of contaminants for almost a year and that this building does not meet minimum ventilation standards.

Also in a recent survey by the three unions, employees had reported suffering symptoms due to poor indoor air quality. The survey reported that employees from every floor of the building had reported becoming sick.

- * 139 employees participated in the survey participants
- * 89 employees reported suffering one or more symptoms at some point after renovations began.
- * 48 reported suffering 3 or more symptoms
- * 24 reported sufferings 5 or more symptoms.
- * 5 employees reported 10 or more symptoms.
- * A majority of employees reported that they continue to experience symptoms as a result of working in 75.

ESC, AFGE and NTEU believe the current situation at 75 Hawthorne is not acceptable.

We want management to conduct comprehensive HVAC and indoor air quality on every floor of this building. Complete remediation necessary to confirm each floor is safe for EPA employees to work. Permit all EPA employees to work from home (or other alternate location) 5 days a week who wish to do so, effective immediately, until testing confirms that the building is safe.

We urge everyone in 75 Hawthorne to sign the attached petition (employees, managers, contractors).

You can return the signed petition to the following NTEU 295 union representatives or members:

Patrick Chan, Chapter President, 415-972-3551, 14th floor.

Tana Alert, 415-972-3090, 8th floor.

Kandice Bellamy, 415-972-3304, 14th floor.

Larry Biland, 415-947-4132, 2nd floor.

Elizabeth Janes, 415-972-3537, 14th floor.

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David Schmidt, 415-947-4247, 2nd floor.

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Christine Vineyard, 415-947-4125, 2nd floor.

Cc: Thelma Estrada, AFGE Local President; Mark Sims, ESC President.